

SENATE QUARTERLY MASS MAIL VOLUMES AND COSTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDING 09/30/98—Continued

Senators	FY98 official mail allocation	Total pieces	Pieces per capita	Total cost	Cost per capita
Murray	78,894	121,500	0.02366	21,864.80	0.00426
Nickles	58,636	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Reed	33,982	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Reid	41,146	60,000	0.04521	6,851.93	0.00516
Robb	86,917	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Roberts	48,952	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rockefeller	42,197	132,476	0.07311	25,456.09	0.01405
Roth	31,373	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Santorum	137,173	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sarbanes	72,320	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sessions	66,267	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Shelby	66,267	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Smith, Gordon	56,470	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Smith, Robert	35,844	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Snowe	37,296	3,757	0.00304	1,213.61	0.00098
Specter	137,173	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Stevens	30,301	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Thomas	29,313	5,209	0.01118	3,617.97	0.00776
Thompson	76,654	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Thurmond	60,001	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Torricelli	95,810	34,378	0.00441	31,463.88	0.00404
Warner	86,917	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Wellstone	67,502	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Wyden	56,470	0	0.00	0.00	0.00

VET CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE

• Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, the Readjustment Counseling Service (RCS) within the Department of Veterans Affairs recently named five Vet Centers—from 206 across the country—as “Vet Centers of Excellence.” I note with great pride that the Morgantown Vet Center, in my State of West Virginia, was one of the Vet Centers selected for this distinguished award.

RCS Vet Centers, mandated by Congress in 1979, are community-based service centers staffed by highly qualified professionals. Vet Center services include individual and group counseling, family/marital counseling, sexual trauma counseling, substance abuse counseling, vocational and employment assistance, VA claims and benefits information, help for the homeless, and social service and health care referrals. They provide readjustment counseling to combat veterans and their families—veterans who served during Vietnam, Korea, and World War II—as well as veterans involved in combat hostilities in Panama, Grenada, Lebanon, Somalia, and the Persian Gulf.

Mr. President, many veterans suffer from psychological injuries as a result of their service in the Armed Forces, especially service in combat. But unlike those injuries that can be banded, sewn, or cast, psychological battle wounds are typically unseen and left untreated. Many veterans struggle for years to find peace within themselves, often turning to VA for help years after they’ve come home from war.

So, the work being done at our Vet Centers is enormously important. And Vet Center services become even more vital when they are the only VA presence for hundreds of miles, as is the case in some parts of the country.

The criteria used in selecting the “Vet Centers of Excellence” included quality of clinical care, administrative management, outreach to high-risk veteran populations, and cost effectiveness.

I am truly delighted that the Morgantown Vet Center has been recog-

nized among those which best represent the spirit and mission of RCS. The Morgantown Vet Center catchment area is mostly rural, with a widely dispersed population covering 16 counties in North Central West Virginia and two counties in Pennsylvania. Since opening its doors in 1982, it has provided service to over 7,000 veterans. To the Morgantown Vet Center staff—Johnny Bragg, Melody Johns, Ronald Jones, and Sandra Calvert—I say thank you for a job well done, and for always going above and beyond what is required in your positions. I am very proud of you.

In addition, I congratulate the staff of the other Vet Centers selected as “Vet Centers of Excellence”—Vista, California; Tucson, Arizona; Atlanta, Georgia; and White River Junction, Vermont.

But I also want to note my appreciation for the other Vet Centers in West Virginia, and those others around the country. All provide a vital service—in many cases, literally a lifeline to troubled vets. I am reminded of the many times my Senate staffers have contacted a Vet Center employee somewhere in the country after hearing from a veteran in crisis—or a family member—and been able to secure the help needed to avert an emergency. And I am reminded of the number of veterans and family members in my State of West Virginia who tell me how positively their lives have changed after contact with a Vet Center.

So, to all 206 Vet Centers and the dedicated staff who work there—your good deeds have not gone unnoticed. Keep up the good work. Our Nation’s combat veterans are lucky to have you, and I am enormously proud of what you have been able to accomplish.●

TRIBUTE TO RICHARD K. BOYD

• Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Dick Boyd, who will retire at the end of October after 32 years of service to the Westvaco Corporation. For over thirty years, Dick has helped establish Westvaco and the Fine Papers mill into

fixtures of Wickliffe, Kentucky. Though not originally from Kentucky, Dick became a valued member of the Wickliffe community, raised his family there and continues to have close ties to Kentucky.

In 1966, Dick joined Westvaco as the Assistant Public Relations Manager at the Fine Papers Division in Luke, Maryland. The next year, Westvaco announced that Wickliffe, Kentucky would be the site of a new \$80 million mill. It was while assisting in the public relations details of this announcement that Dick began his long association with the community of Wickliffe. Later that year, Dick, his wife Malinda and their two daughters moved to Wickliffe. Dick became Public Relations Manager for Fine Papers in 1970.

Dick held that job until 1988. During that time, he played an integral role as the Fine Papers mill became the bedrock of the Wickliffe community. After a brief stint during 1988 in the Kentucky State Government as Deputy Secretary of the Cabinet for Economic Development, Dick returned to Westvaco as Regional Public Affairs Manager, a position he held until 1991. At that time he moved to Washington to become Westvaco’s Director of Public Affairs, a position he continues to hold today.

Since the 1966 announcement that the plant would be built in Western Kentucky, Westvaco has spent more than half a billion dollars to create a state-of-the-art papermaking facility in Wickliffe. Today, Westvaco employs over 750 men and women in Kentucky, and makes an annual contribution of \$134 million to the local economy. The growth of the mill and the company’s great relationship with the community are a legacy of Dick’s career at Westvaco and his 24 years in Kentucky.

Mr. President, I have worked closely with Dick on several issues of great importance to both Westvaco and my constituents in the Wickliffe area. His hard work and dedication have allowed Westvaco to become an important part of the Wickliffe community. I have enjoyed working with him, thank him for all his efforts on behalf of Westvaco

and the people of the Wickliffe community, and wish him the best wherever his future endeavors may take him.●

65TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UKRAINIAN FAMINE OF 1932-33

● Mr. D'AMATO. Mr. President, I am pleased to cosponsor S.Con.Res. 122, introduced by my distinguished colleague, Senator LEVIN, commemorating the 65th anniversary of the Ukrainian Famine of 1932-33. It is timely once again for us to join together to call the world's attention to this cold act of mass murder, to remember its victims, and to pledge ourselves to prevent hunger from being used as a weapon of genocide. I urge my colleagues to join me in support of this resolution.

The Ukrainian Famine ranks among the most devastating human tragedies of all time, with an estimated loss of life exceeding 7 million men, women and children. Millions of Ukrainians died not from natural causes, but from policies designed to eradicate Ukraine's cultural and political identity and to punish the Ukrainian people for resisting the forced collectivization of agriculture. As such, the Famine is a dramatic testament to the brutality of the imperial Soviet system, responsible for the destruction of tens of millions of lives over the course of its 70-year existence.

The Ukrainian Famine was a crime of epic proportions. In the 1980's the U.S. Commission on the Ukraine Famine painstakingly documented every aspect of this genocide, collecting an impressive body of material documenting the tragedy inflicted upon Ukrainians by their Soviet masters. Members of the Famine Commission from this body and from the House of Representatives held hearings around the country in which elderly eyewitnesses recounted the consequences of Stalin's genocidal policies in starkly human terms, giving poignant and often gruesome accounts of the horrors they, their families, friends and fellow countrymen faced. The Famine Commission's final report to Congress confirmed the man-made nature of the Famine, specifically, the complicity of Joseph Stalin and those around him in its conception and execution.

Clearly, the Ukrainian Famine occurred within the context of a Soviet system which denied and vigorously opposed democratic values, the rule of law, and any respect for elementary human rights. Now that Ukraine is free from foreign domination and is moving towards full respect for human rights, democratic values and the rule of law, the likelihood of a similar catastrophe, at the present time, appears remote.

Nevertheless, I strongly agree with the resolution's assertion that it is essential that the United States continue to assist Ukraine as it proceeds towards democracy, a free-market economy, and full respect for human rights. It is imperative for America and for the West to support independence and

democracy in Ukraine to ensure that Ukraine never again experiences domination by a foreign power hostile to Ukraine's very identity as a people and as a nation.

Mr. President, in closing, I once again urge my colleagues to join together in support of this important resolution.●

TRIBUTE TO ELIZABETH "BETTIE" MOHART FOR HER SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES SENATE

● Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Elizabeth "Bettie" Mohart for her outstanding service to the United States Senate. Bettie was the Chief Clerk on the Senate Committee on Small Business, of which I am Chair. In the three and a half years that she was with the Committee, she helped to make it run smoothly and efficiently.

When Sam Rayburn said "you cannot be a leader, and ask other people to follow you, unless you know how to follow too," he could have been talking about Bettie Mohart. She started her service in 1969 with Senator Stuart Symington as a Staff Assistant, and then went to work for Senator ROBERT BYRD as a Staff Assistant in 1972. In 1974, Bettie left the Senate to pursue other endeavors, only to return in 1985 to work for Senator Jack Danforth. She was hired as a Staff Assistant for Senator Danforth's personal office and was later moved to the Senate Committee on Commerce, when he became Chair. He then asked Bettie to return to his personal office, as Office Manager, where she stayed until his retirement. In 1994, I was fortunate enough to be able to hire her for the Committee on Small Business where she remained until her departure.

By the time Bettie came to work for me she had worked in just about every capacity, in the Senate, with the exception of Chief of Staff and Senator, which no doubt she could have handled. This experience made her, not only an asset to my Committee, but it also gave her the wisdom to manage the Small Business Committee office with a just hand. I thank Bettie for her many years of service to myself and to the United States Senate, and wish her the best of luck in the future.●

IN RECOGNITION OF THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WEST VIRGINIA COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE

● Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, it is with great pride that I rise today to share my warmest congratulations to the West Virginia Coalition Against Domestic Violence Central Service Office on its 10th Anniversary celebration. Through its around the clock support, educational outreach and a network of safe shelters, the WVCADV Central Service Office provides mothers and children with the information

and resources necessary to produce "Peacemaking Partnerships"—statewide cooperation to eliminate domestic violence.

Offering support on a 24-hour basis with an exceptionally educated full time staff, corps of volunteers and Americorps workers, the WVCADV has been able to help prevent, and in many cases help heal the scar of domestic violence in the state of West Virginia. Such commitment is essential in the campaign to stop domestic violence which has grown in staggering proportions. Statistics reflect that a woman is assaulted by her husband or intimate partner every fifteen seconds in the United States. Without effective mechanisms for intervention, this number will only continue to grow.

The WVCADV plays a vital role in encouraging victims of domestic violence to come forward and tell their stories. Through community education, seminars and conferences designed to broaden public awareness of warning signs and other violence-related issues, the WVCADV is changing the past protocol of 'looking the other way' into empowerment, response and prevention.

Through the myriad of support services WVCADV has made available, the network of thirteen safe shelters in West Virginia provide a place for women and children as they begin the process of leaving violence-filled homes. With nearly seventy-five percent of fatal attacks occurring after separation, such safe shelters are essential to protect women and children from their abusers. These shelters not only provide a secure, stable environments with educational programs, but also offer direct contacts with legal advocates and law enforcement to ensure the safety of these women and children after they leave.

Furthermore, through their collaboration with advocates and policy makers, the WVCADV fosters legislation which is essential to counter domestic violence—setting up mechanisms not only to protect abuse victims but also to increase and provide accountability for abusive behavior. In 1994, I proudly cosponsored the Violence Against Women Act, the first comprehensive piece of Federal legislation to address this important issue. I will continue to work with my colleagues in Congress and with the staff of the WVCADV to ensure that the most vulnerable families get the support that they need to remain safe, stable and free of violence.

Throughout the month of October, the WVCADV will hold events throughout the State to celebrate the progress they have made in fighting domestic violence. On November 6th a statewide event titled "In Celebration of Peacemaking Partnerships: Looking Back and Moving Ahead" will demonstrate the 10 years of success and goals. I cannot think of a more fitting title for this anniversary celebration which recognizes the West Virginia Coalition Against Domestic Violence Central